

Tri-County Beekeepers Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Board members Bob Cross, Dennis Clark and Deb Cross were present.
Bob called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Attendance: 81 members. Three new members (Bob from Sauk Rapids, Josh and Brittney from St. Augusta) were present and introduced themselves.

Kooiman Farms was at meeting site to collect cages.

Minutes from May were read and approved.

Speakers –

Paul Theis spoke concerning mites. He has tried sticky boards/sugar rolls/alcohol wash (Varroa EasyCheck). If results show under 2 mites per hundred, don't treat. If more, treat. Don't treat unless you have too. Treating in the fall only is not enough. Spoke of Formic Pro (sensitive to temperatures) and Apivar, rhubarb leaves on top of boxes. Burdock leaves, was also suggested by a member. Paul talked through the alcohol wash steps.

Conrad Legatt spoke concerning packaging/labeling honey for the fair. Labels must include your name (person or business name), physical address, weight of honey. Use appropriate glassware, quarts, pints, 8 oz. jar, and gallons, anything sold from Mann Lake or other beekeeper catalogs. Keep your product neat. No licensing needed.

Exhibits at the Benton County Fair include liquid honey, cut comb, wax, mead, and cooking with honey products. The State fair is really a challenge.

Questions were asked and answered.

Bob called for volunteers for July meeting to replace Secretary -Deb and Vice President –Bob as they'll be out of town. Paul Theis will act in their absence with Amy Jones taking notes.

Committee Reports

- Fair Committee needs chairman. Conrad explained what duties are expected including: scheduling; demonstrations (education committee); etc. A manual of past practices is available. It was suggested we displaying personally painted brood boxes in the yard of our fair building and adding an empty box from bee package to show in fair booth.
- Mary Kivi– library is in car if anyone needs books.
- Picnic Committee - September 22nd is date for picnic at Mary Tivi's house. If you have outside games please bring them.

Discussion

- MN legislature allotted money for pollinator gardens. Not available for 2019, but watch for it in future.
- Chamomile roller takes sting away (\$25 a piece) available tonight from Wayne and Cindy.
- Clay asking about CRP land.

Treasurer's Report:

No change from last month

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.